

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 29, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Norman Winkler, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Councilman Jerry Kent was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 8, 2012 were approved as presented on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OF ADVERTISED BUDGET**

A public hearing was held at 8:05 to receive public comment of the advertised Rush County budget. Council President asked for public comment.

Councilman Bruce Levi asked Sheriff Jeff Sherwood if the \$180,000 budgeted would fully fund the sheriff retirement. Sherwood confirmed that the appropriation would be adequate.

Jim Finan shared his frustration as to how the newspaper shows Economic Development budgeted at \$325,000.00. Finan stated that this should be broken down for the public to view. Auditor Deborah Adams explained that the state Gateway software controls the input of information. Adams shared that there is no flexibility regarding breaking down this particular fund or any other fund. The detailed county budget is available for public view in the auditor's office.

John Saxon read a statement outlining his objection to the further funding of ECDC portion of economic development and Area Plan consultant David Rogier.

No other comments were received. Bruce Levi made the motion at 8:20 to close the public hearing. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion.

The Rush County Solid Waste District held its public hearing at 8:20. Council President Gerald Mohr asked for public comment. None was received. Warren Norris made the motion at 8:25 to close the public hearing. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Superior Court Judge Brian Hill appeared before the council to discuss establishing a Community Corrections program. Judge Hill did share that the commissioners are on board with this program and that they are currently looking for a location.

The budget for this program would consist of adding two (2) county employees. They would be covered by a funded grant.

Individuals participating in the program will pay a users fee that will be set aside into a special fund.

Judge Hill will sit on a eighteen (18) member board. The board members are outlined by state statue

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-6 "An Ordinance Creating the Rush County Community Corrections Community Transition Program Fund" . Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-7 "An Ordinance Creating The Rush County Community Corrections Department of Corrections Grant Fund". Norman Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janet Kile made the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-8 "An Ordinance Creating The Rush County Community Corrections Users' Fee Fund". Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported forty-five (45) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood shared that the community corrections program will assist with keeping the jail population numbers down.

Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the \$3,800.00 additional appropriation for the K-9 Contribution Fund #224. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH**

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the \$11,934.92 additional appropriation for the Indiana Local Health Department Trust Fund #118. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the \$7,020.00 additional appropriation for the Health Fund #8. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **WIND FARMS**

Commissioner Tom Barnes updated the council members of the recent wind farms meeting. Barnes stated that the county is signing on the services of Barnes & Thornburg.

### **RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE**

Commissioner Tom Barnes stepped before the council to inform them that the commissioners are unified in their desire to move forward with the recommendation of approving a one (1) year ambulance contract with Rush Memorial Hospital. The \$325,000.00

contract plus available credits of \$390,000.00 was placed on the table for approval by the council members.

Barnes did note that he understands that councilman Jerry Kent has asked for the delay of any decision until he has returned from being out of town. Barnes did state that the commissioners do plan to discuss the contract and will act upon it during their next scheduled meeting of September 10, 2012.

Gerald Mohr stated that the council will review the Ambulance Committee's report and the Commissioner's report during the September 12 and 13 budget hearings.

### **ADA**

Gerald Mohr reported that the August 23, 2012 public meeting had a small attendance. The next public meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012 and will begin at 7:00 pm in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

### **E.C.D.C.**

Gerald Mohr issued congratulations to E.C.D.C. Executive Director Jim Finan and the acquiring of the \$1.6 million grant for the City of Rushville.

### **BUDGET HEARINGS**

Phil Gordon was present for public comment on the county budget. It was discovered that the time set for the public hearing was actually advertised at 8:30. Gerald Mohr reopened the public hearing for comment at 8:45am.

Phil Gordon shared his opposition to the hiring of a full-time EMA director. Gordon also shared his concerns of the ADA (American Disabilities Act) that is being reviewed on county buildings.

No other comments were received. Bruce Levi made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:55am. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Warren Norris at 9:02 am. Norman Winkler seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Gerald Mohr, Chairman

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Warren Norris

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Norman Winkler

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Janet Kile

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Bruce Levi

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Kevin Spilman

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Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

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Deborah C. Adams, Auditor